

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A multifunctional container opener for opening a plurality of different containers, the container opener comprising a body that supports a template that includes one or more pockets.
2. The hand-held container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the template includes a pill splitting tool.
3. The hand-held container opener defined in claim 2, wherein the pill splitting tool includes a pointed edge for contacting a pill or tablet and one or more pockets for retaining segments of the split pill or tablet.
4. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports an elastomeric pad, wherein the elastomeric pad remains substantially flat when placed in contact with the container.
5. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports a tool for piercing, tearing or cutting a portion of the container or seals supported by the container.

6. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports a tool for prying a cap off the container body.

7. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body that supports a second prying tool.

8. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports a selectively removable pill carrier.

9. The container opener defined in claim 8, wherein the pill carrier may be used to support or retain lightweight objects.

10. The container opener defined in claim 8, wherein the pill carrier supports one or more pill crushing surfaces.

11. The container opener defined in claim 10, wherein the pill crushing surfaces include a first surface having a concave configuration and a second opposing surface having a convex configuration.

12. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports a magnifying glass.

13. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports a cutting tool.
14. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body is formed of molded plastic.
15. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body supports an elongated member for facilitating removal of items from a the interior of the container.
16. The container opener defined in claim 15, wherein the elongated member includes a pointed edge or notch or both for removing a filler material from the container.
17. The container opener defined in claim 1, wherein the body defines one or more tools for opening jars, wherein the tools includes a surface for facilitating the release of a vacuum pressure from a container, a surface for removing the cap from a jar, bottle or both.
18. A container opener for opening a plurality of different containers, the container opener comprising:
 - a body;

a template defined by the body, wherein the template defines one or more pockets; and

a first piercing tool supported by the body for piercing, tearing or cutting a portion of the container or seals located on the inside or outside of the container.

19. The container opener defined in claim 18, wherein the template further includes a pill splitter for splitting pills or tablets into two or more parts.

20. A container opener for opening a plurality of different containers, the container opener comprising:

a body;

a template defined by the body, wherein the template defines one or more pockets, the template further includes a pill splitting tool, wherein the pill splitting tool includes an upwardly extending wall having a pointed edge and one or more pockets;

a first piercing tool supported by the body for piercing, tearing or cutting a portion of the container or seals located on the inside or outside of the container; and

an elastomeric pad supported by the body for frictionally engaging a cap of a container, wherein the elastomeric pad remains substantially flat when engaging the cap.